

SAFE JOB PROCEDURE

Job Description: High Speed Gas Cut-Off Saw

Hazards Present: Flying Sparks/Particles, Fuel Spills, Fire Hazards, Sharp Edges

PPE Required: Safety Glasses, Full Face Shield, Hearing Protection, Fire Extinguisher, Gloves, Dust Mask or Respirator

Note: Operators of equipment must be trained and deemed competent, must demonstrate operational competency and/or have received approval from their immediate supervisor. Operators must wear the proper PPE as required and be familiar with the location of the use of a fire extinguisher.

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1. Conduct a pre-starting inspection of equipment and work area;

- ✓ Make sure work area is free of debris, clutter and flammables
- ✓ Warn other workers in the area to keep clear and/or wear the proper PPE.
- ✓ Make sure the item you are cutting is adequately supported or braced to prevent movement.
- ✓ If you will be cutting metal, extra precautions should be observed as to where the sparks will be directed while cutting. (have a fire extinguisher nearby)
- ✓ Inspect saw for any signs of excessive wear or damage, report any damage to the immediate supervisor.
- ✓ If any damage is noticed or suspected, the equipment should be tagged out and repaired.
- ✓ Make sure that you have the right blade for the material being cut.

2. Start the saw;

- ✓ Hold the saw firmly on the ground. Point the blade away from your body and nearby obstructions. Use a sharp quick motion on the starter cord.
- ✓ Do Not “drop Start” the saw.
- ✓ Allow saw to adequately warm up (do not rev a cold engine)

3. Cut the Material;

- ✓ Grasp the saw firmly and make sure you have a solid stance.
- ✓ Use full throttle while cutting, do not force the saw into the material , let the blade do the work.
- ✓ If you are cutting masonry, wear safety glasses and a dust mask.

4. Turn the saw off;

- ✓ Place the ignition switch on the saw in the off position
- ✓ Allow the blade to come to a full stop before putting the saw down.

5. Conduct a post operational inspection;

- ✓ If you were cutting metal, inspect your work area for any signs of smoldering materials.
- ✓ Inspect the saw, if you suspect any damage, notify the immediate supervisor,
- ✓ If applicable, hand the saw in for cleaning and/or servicing.
- ✓ Maintain good housekeeping and clean up your work area.